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TAGS: OVIP (ORR, ROBERT ETAL)

SUBJECT: ISRAEL VISIT OF SEVEN LIEUTENANT GOVERNORS

1. WASHINGTON OFFICE OF COUNCIL OF STATE GOVERNMENTS, WHICH IS HEADQUARTERED IN LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY, WAS FIRST INFORMED MAY 15 THAT FOLLOWING GROUP ARRIVING ISRAEL MAY 16 FOR EIGHT DAYS APPARENTLY AT GOI INVITATION AND STRONGLY HOPING FOR EMBASSY BRIEFING AT 4:30 P.M. MAY 16 IN JERUSALEM AT PLAZA HOTEL:

A) ROBERT ORR, LT. GOV. OF INDIANA; CHAIRMAN OF DELEGATION

B) MRS. ORR

C) GEORGE BROWN, LT. GOV. OF COLORADO

D) SHELBY SMITH, LT. GOV. OF KANSAS

E) MRS. SMITH

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F) JAMES DAMANN, LT. GOV. OF MICHIGAN

G) WILLIAM C. PHELPS, LT. GOV. OF MISSISSIPPI

H) MRS. PHELPS

I) ALF E. JACOBSON, SENATE PRESIDENT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

J) JOHN S. WILDER, LT. GOV. OF TENNESSEE

K) MRS. WILDER

L) T. GARRY BUCKLEY, LT. GOV. OF VERMONT

M) HERBERT WILTSEE, COORDINATOR OF DELEGATION AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF COUNCIL OF STATE GOVERNMENTS.

2. DELEGATION DEPARTING JFK MAY 15 ON EL AL 002, ARRIVING BEN GURION 9:25 A.M. MAY 16 AND PROCEEDING TO JERUSALEM, WHERE STAYING AT PLAZA HOTEL. ETD MAY 23 FOR NEW YORK. GROUP IS SUPPOSED TO MEET WITH BEGIN, DAYAN, PERES, AND MAYORS OF JERUSALEM AND TEL AVIV. FIRST SCHEDULED EVENT MAY 16 IS MUSEUM TOUR STARTING 6:00 P.M. GROUP UNDERSTANDS IT WILL BE INTERVIEWED BY ISRAELI PRESS EARLY DURING VISIT AND THEREFORE IS ANXIOUS FOR EMBASSY BRIEFING ON FIRST DAY.

3. DEPTOFF POINTED OUT TO WASHINGTON OFFICE OF COUNCIL (WHICH HAD JUST HEARD ABOUT TRIP FROM WILTSEE) THAT THIS WAS FIRST WORD RECEIVED BY DEPARTMENT CONCERNING VISIT, THAT LATENESS OF NOTIFICATION WOULD BE SERIOUS INCONVENIENCE TO EMBASSY TEL AVIV, AND THAT WE WOULD RELAY INFORMATION AND BRIEFING REQUEST TO EMBASSY BUT COULD NOT PRE-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DICT WHAT EMBASSY AT THIS LATE HOUR COULD ARRANGE. EMBASSY SHOULD FEEL FREE TO IMPRESS ON VISITORS LATENESS OF NOTIFICATION TO DEPARTMENT, OF WHICH LIEUTENANT GOVERNORS MAY BE UNAWARE. VANCE

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